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FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 5, 1919.

THE AMERICAN'S CREED.

I believe in the United States of America
as a government of the people, by
the people, for the people, whose just
powers are derived from the consent
of the governed; a democracy in a repub-
lic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign
States; a perfect Union, one and insepar-
able, established upon those principles of freedom, equal-
ity, justice, and humanity for which American patriots
sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is
my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitu-
tion; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it
against all enemies.

SHOWING UP M'ADOO.

A NUMBER of men familiar with the coal indus-
try issued replies to the statement of William Gibbs
McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, that the mine
operators made "fabulous profits" during 1917, but the
most convincing deliverance along that line was made by
J. D. A. Morrow, vice president of the National Coal
association, who among other things said:

For the entire bituminous industry in 1917
to make profits of from 100 per cent to 150
per cent on invested capital would require a
total profit of upwards of \$1,500,000,000. Ac-
cording to the United States Geological Survey
report entitled Coal, in 1917, page 933, "the
total gross receipts of the operators for all the
bituminous coal produced in 1917 was only
\$1,249,272,837. Hence the total gross re-
ceipts before deducting operating expenses,
were less than the total profits which would
have to be made out of these receipts to jus-
tify the statement of your experts. This indi-
cates the ridiculous nature of their casual gen-
eralizations.

Mr. McAdoo's statement may serve very well for the
purposes of politics, but in the light of the figures presented
by Mr. Morrow it is not likely to make much of an
impression upon the business world.

THE PRICE OF SUGAR.

It is predicted that the decision of the Department of
Justice to abandon control of the distribution and sale
of sugar after the expiration of this month will result in
an increase in the supply because American refiners will
be able to get more Cuban raw stocks by paying
higher prices, but that another effect will be a sharp in-
crease in the price to the consumer after the first of the year.
If the refiners are at all wise they will hold the increase
within reason. It is the opinion of the American business
world that government control of the sale even of essential
food supplies is undesirable, yet it is a fact which has not
been lost upon the public that with the single exception of

RUFF STUFF

Minster Rodabeaver, who finally
landed in the toils yesterday, presents
a fine example of what happens when
a guy does not have sense enough to
huck when the ducking is good.

What's the matter with old Car-
ranza?

He has always wanted to take a
track at the United States, but now
that the Mexican senate has given
him a chance he is as hard to find as
his old enemy Villa.

Wonder if it was all bluff to im-
press the public?

That has been known to happen.

And one does not have to go all the
way to Mexico to find fire eaters who
eat fire for political purposes entirely.

Lamp in the papers that the Wo-
man's club has changed its place of
meeting.

Well, that may save some elevator
bills up on the Monroe street corner.

And it is one more instance in
which pure cussedness has made the
whole town back down.

Hope the club members like it.

Husbands of a lot of the members
have had to put up with that kind of
treatment many times for political
reasons.

Or thought they had to.

Some day some one will arise with
much spunk figuratively to use a
childish.

And then there will be a grease
spot where there is now a fine display
of bad manners.

Well, winter has come.

coal abandonment of government control at the end of
hostilities was followed by a rise in price until right now the
cost of living is higher than it ever was before.

Whether this significant development is due to business
inefficiency or business greed does not matter very much
in the mind of the men and women who foot the bills.
They figure it out that their expenses are lower when some
government agency is laying down the law for dealers in
food supplies and it is no more than natural that they
should feel that a return to the war time system would be
a good thing for them.

If sugar prices begin to soar after the first of the new
year this feeling is almost certain to take the form of an
insistent demand, and it is quite possible that it will figure
rather importantly in the coming congressional campaign.
Many things may turn therefore upon the price the public
is asked to pay for sugar early in 1920.

MACKENSEN'S SPURIOUS TRIUMPH.

FIELD MARSHAL von MACKENSEN got back
to Berlin yesterday and made a sort of triumphal
entry into the Prussian capital. The news dispatches tell-
ing of the incident say that the army received him with
every mark of respect and that he wore all his decorations
as he left the train on which he traveled.

Doubtless the manner of his reception was quite sooth-
ing to his pride, but it may be doubted that the feeling
was strong enough to wipe out the memories of what he
went through since the collapse of Bulgaria which marked
the beginning of the end of the great dream of a middle
Europe which was to be dominated by the Prussian mili-
tary class.

The worst of it from his standpoint is that as the world
settles down to an analysis of the military phases of the
great struggle this precious product of the German Gen-
eral staff is likely to sink lower and lower in esteem. He
was a heroic figure while he was driving in the Russians
who were sent into battle for which they were not at all
prepared or in mopping up and despoiling poor little Ru-
mania, but he cut a sorry figure after the tide turned and
for a time he and his army was driven from pillar to post.

German opinion in future generations may accord him
some sympathy, but it assuredly will not set him up on a
pedestal and call him a hero. In spite of the successes he
has to his credit he never had to fight a foe that was any-
thing near his equal and he will have to bear his full share
of the responsibility for the failure of the German war
machine.

American concerns operating in Mexico are with-
drawing their American employees. This in many in-
stances involves the suspension of operations and a loss
of much money, but the loss to the owners will not be
nearly so serious as the loss to the Mexicans who depend
upon these operations for a livelihood. Meanwhile the
situation at Washington is a bit easier and the most
serious aspect of the whole crisis is the uncertainty
as to what is in the back of President Carranza's head.

Missouri's governor took over fifteen mines yester-
day and the early morning dispatches say that the gov-
ernor of Oklahoma is on his way to McAlester, where
he purposes to enter the mines and dig coal with his
own hands. In Kansas the state has been producing
coal for some time. It is all very interesting and on the
surface it looks as if some of the state governments
were really doing something to protect their people, but
a glance at the cost of all this probably would be even
more interesting. On the whole, the governor of Ohio,
who has called a meeting of operators and miners with
the hope of effecting a settlement for his state, probably
will get more coal at less expense.

Carpenter's victory over the British heavy weight
boxer, Joe Beckett, will revive interest in prize fighting
in this country, for a match between the Frenchman and
our own champion, Jack Dempsey, is a foregone conclu-
sion. And when it comes it will be a real contest with-
out any doubt about the fighting qualities of either of
the contestants, as was the case with the last big fight
in this country. It has been many years since we have
had widespread fight interest in this country, and all
virtue people ought to welcome the prospect of its return.

Mexico's ambassador at Washington has issued a for-
mal denial of the charge made by Senator Fall that
bolshervist propaganda is being spread in this country
by Mexican agents. It is quite possible that he can do
this and be technically within the mark. This propa-
ganda game is pretty well understood now and Mexico
might very easily resort to the system which made it
possible in the case of Germany's ambassador Bernstorff
also to say that he was not doing anything that would
have a tendency to injure the United States.

But all those who do not have
enough coin to go to Florida or south-
ern California in their heart of hearts
wish it did not have to last much
beyond Christmas.

Evening Chat

An Inimitable Tale.

I've a mind to tell you a very in-
timate story about a young lady in the
city who had a good cry not so very
many days ago because she wasn't
pretty and attractive and didn't have
a big wedding planned for an early
date with herself as principal party on
the program. You and I have both
gone to elaborate weddings and with
the spell of the music and the per-
fume of gorgeous flowers sort of a hy-
pnotizing us as we have wept untold
barrels of mental tears and have felt
wee-begone and left out in the cold
and other deplorable things—all be-
cause we had no fine big wedding with
hundreds of dollars spent on it—with
bridesmaids and flowers and a white
train, lace-trimmed, orange-blossomed
pearl recked wedding outfit, with
other paraphernalia added!

I know all about it. It does give one
a miserable half hour. Especially
when you get to believing you are too
homely to have attracted a man in the
first place—that love must always pass
you by, as many a bachelor maiden
believes—just because she doesn't at-
tract the opposite sex as she would
like.

Marriage isn't All.

Marriage isn't everything anymore,
guys. It used to be that women had
to marry for a living and most any-
thing in trousers did in those days.
Now a girl need not marry unless she
very much wishes to and many a girl
wishes she had not wished to after the
first glamour of the honeymoon wears
away. Marriage looks in the distance
like a wonderful sunrise. Very often
the day of marriage dawns exultantly
and every moment until the sundown
of life proves a wonderful dream come
true!

But as a whole, if you will pay
close attention to statistics, marriage
proves a failure. Never judge mar-

been without it all this time have
had so much better opportunity to
make something truly and everlast-
ingly beautiful out of your personal-
ity which can never be taken away.
Think of this often when you feel
cruel jealousy tearing at the door of
your heart and close that door tight
with a slam. You might even put
your head out of the window of your
mind, the part of you which reasons
out sort of things, and send a hearty
laugh after that tiny green monster.

MANNINGTON

Fete Choir.
Messdames John Beddow and F. E.
Furbace entertained the M. E. church
choir at the close of rehearsal Tues-
day evening with a dinner at the par-
sonage.

Move to Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McMurrer and
family who have been residents of
High street for the past few years,
are moving to Charleston where Mr.
McMurrer who is a machinist, has a
position.

Singers Coming.

J. E. Conant, the noted singer will
be here December 29th to assist in the
special services at the Baptist church.
John Reed, of Fairmont, will give a
concert at the church on Thursday,
December 11th.

Class Party.

The Sophomore class of High school
gave a party for Patrick McMurrer
and Emilen Myers on Tuesday evening.
The boys' parents are moving from
the city, and were members of the
class.

Here for Visit.
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Armstrong,
of Grantsville, Calhoun county, are
here for a visit with friends.

Personals.

Robert W. Starkey, of Shinnston,
was here yesterday on a business vis-
it.

E. F. Madden has returned from a
business visit in Wheeling.

Mrs. G. O. Barrick is a visitor in
Wheeling this week.

Mrs. W. L. Jenks has returned from

For Gifts Consider VACUUM LUNCH KITS

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for Christmas. With their
ability to carry big meals, large
or small, to keep them hot or
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griddle and serve. They
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browner—most delicious
pancakes you ever tasted.



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Ask your grocer for

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The Jersey Cereal Food Co., Genl., Pa.
Makers of the Famous Jersey
Corn Flakes—the kind that
stay crisp in milk.

a visit with her sister in Pittsburgh.
Mrs. E. M. Jenks, who has been the
guest of relatives in Parkersburg, re-
turned home yesterday.

Young Galahad.

"I'd face a dragon for your sake."

"There are other things, Algy."

"What do you mean?"

"The cost of living will give you
quite enough to face."—Louisville Con-
ner-Journal.

Similarity.

A man is a good deal like a pencil.
To make his mark, he not only has to
be sharp, but he has to be pushed.—
Boston Transcript.



KREMOLA

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ENCORE!
Mrs. Thricewed—Well, Elsie, how
do you like your new papa?
Elsie—Oh, mamma, go on or marry-
ing men like that; he's given me a
whole dollar.—Boston Transcript.

THE LATEST REASON.

Why do they call Broadway "The
Great White Way?" asked the visitor.
Because, answered the New Yorker,
the thoroughfare is dedicated to ice
cream soda and buttermilk.—Wash-
ington Star.

Business and the Bank

Successful business men weigh every problem
carefully; meet obligations promptly; and seek bank-
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